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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between February and early March 1954, the military installations of the Eberswalde post were occupied as previously, with the headquarters stationed there and the barracks installation and camps being occupied to capacity. Between 2 and 5 February, a major exercise appears to have been conducted south of Trampe. Heavy artillery fire was continually heard from this area during the period mentioned. Less columns were observed between 5 and 15 February. After that date, columns of company and up to battalion strength were repeatedly seen leaving for field exercises and driving practice. Between 12 and 28 February, about 10 to 12 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops, daily left the convent on Ereitscheidstrasse in the early morning and returned after nightfall. Supply traffic to military installations increased during the second half of February. It included ammunition shipments to the Artillerie Kaserne, the Schuetzen Kaserne and Britz. Basic training without arms appeared to be completed in early March. Troops observed received individual training with arms, training in firing and basic field training. From imprints of tank tracks [REDACTED] tanks almost daily left the Schuetzen Kaserne (4342) and Artillerie Kaserne (4341) for the Trampe training area. 25X1

2. In late February and early March, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied by about 4,000 troops. On 3 March, a column of 8 trucks towing 7 x 37-mm guns [REDACTED] entered the east section of Schuetzen Kaserne and, after 1 hour, proceeded toward Britz. On 4 March, a column of sedan [REDACTED] occupied by 3 officers; 5 jeeps, each occupied by 3 officers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets [REDACTED] field kitchens [REDACTED] and 13 trucks and headquarters vehicles [REDACTED] left the west section of the installation toward Finow. On 4 March, a ceremony, presumably commemorating Stalin's death, was held in the Schuetzen Kaserne. After the ceremony, about 60 officers, and 1,700 EM left the Schuetzen Kaserne for the Artillerie Kaserne. 25X1

3. In late February and early March, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 4,000 troops. On 27 March, two columns entered the east section of the installation. The first column included 14 trucks towing 14 x 120-mm mortars [REDACTED]

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4. In late February and early March, the cantonment on Breitscheid strasse was occupied by about 500 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets.
5. In early March, the engineer unit station in Camp Duesterwinkelbruecke numbers an estimated 800 troops. Truck [] loaded with pontoons was seen en route to the camp. 25X1
6. On 5 February, 8 JS-3 tanks [] and 2 SU-249 guns were entrained at the Eberswalde freight station. Judging from imprints of tank tracks, the tanks came from the Artillerie Kaserne. [] 25X1

[] between Christmas 1953 and late February 1954, about 400 Soviet families arrived in Eberswalde.

3. On 4 March, about 1,200 troops preceded by a military band marched from the Artillerie Kaserne to Schuetzen Kaserne. On 28 February, truck [] entered the cantonment on Breitscheidstrasse. On 17 February, 3 x 85-mm AA guns, 2 trucks with trailers carrying bedsteads, and 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the Britz cantonment. [] 25X1
9. In early March, Camp Duesterwinkelbruecke was occupied by about 800 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. About 90 trucks were seen near the vehicle sheds.
10. On 5 March, 5 JS-3 tanks [] and 4 SU-249 guns [] left the Artillerie Kaserne for entraining at the Eberswalde railroad station. [] 25X1
- On 6 March, about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying baggage went to the freight station. [] 25X1
- On 16 and 23 January, a shipment of about 67 x 85-mm AT guns went toward Eberswalde, coming from the direction of Freienwalde, and that, on 27 February, a shipment of 9 x 85-mm AA guns, 25 trucks, 6 boxcars and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets went toward Freienwalde, coming from Eberswalde. On 28 February, a similar shipment went in the same direction.⁴ On 6 March, a shipment of 12 x 85-mm AT guns, 30 trucks and 9 boxcars occupied by about 360 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets went toward Eberswalde, coming from Biesenthal. [] 25X1

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11. On 8 March, 2 T-34/85 tanks on 2 flatcars were seen at the Eberswalde freight station. 25X1
12. On 19 February, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Two T-34/85 tanks. 25X1
3 radio trucks [redacted] and trucks [redacted]
[redacted] were seen in the barracks yard.
1. Comment. The movements mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 are definitely believed to have been connected with exercises in the vicinity of the post or advanced combat practice firing at the Templin troop training grounds, where elements had transferred by road from Eberswalde.
2. Comment. [redacted] tanks and SP guns of the 82d Gds 25X1
Hv Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Mech Div were entrained, presumably for Berlin-Wuhl-
garten as, on the same day, individual tanks of the 68th Gds Tank Regt [redacted] of the 25X1
division had been dispatched from there.
3. Comment. It is possible that elements of the 63d AAA Div [redacted] stationed in 25X1
Camp Britz were to be entrained, possibly for Wustrow.
4. Comment. The AA shipment observed on 27 and 28 February probably came from
Wustrow. They do not check with previous information on shipments dispatched from
there. The direction of motion tends to indicate that the trains carried elements
of the 32d AAA Div [redacted] and/or the 63d AAA Div [redacted] from Fuerstenwalde. 25X1
5. Comment. The train carried elements of the 71st Light Arty Brig [redacted] which 25X1
participated in the exercises of the 35th Tank Div in the Mueritz Lake-Neuruping area.

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